

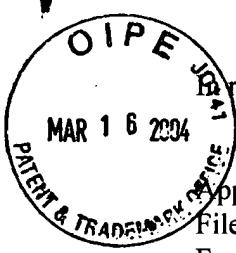
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Here application of: Alfred D. Commins, Robert C. Gregg, William F. Leek, Karen W. Colonias, and Arthur R. Linn

Application No.: 08/975,940

Group No.: 3637

Filed: November 21, 1997

Examiner: Lanna Mai

For: Building Wall for Resisting Lateral Forces

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REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)
(37 C.F.R. § 1.114)

1. Applicant hereby requests continued examination, in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.114, for the above identified application.

TIME REQUEST IS BEING MADE

2. This request is being submitted:
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3. Enclosed herewith are:

An information disclosure (37 C.F.R. Section 1.98)
Form PTO-1449 (PTO/SB/08A and 08B)

Other: Submission Under 37 C.F.R. Section 1.114

FEE FOR REQUEST (37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e)).

4. This application is on behalf of other than small entity.

Continued Prosecution Request Fee: 770.00

FEE FOR CLAIMS

5. The fee for claims (37 C.F.R. § 1.16(b)-(d)) has been calculated as shown below:

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CLAIMS			
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			RATE
TOTAL	12 - 36 =	0 x \$ 18.00	= \$ 0.00
INDEP.	8 - 9 =	0 x \$ 86.00	= \$ 0.00
FIRST PRESENTATION OF MULTIPLE DEP. CLAIM			+ \$ 290.00 = \$ 0.00
TOTAL ADDIT. FEE			\$ 0.00

No additional fee for claims is required.

EXTENSION OF TIME

6. The proceedings herein are for a patent application, and the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) apply.

Applicant believes that no extension of time is required. However, this is a conditional petition and authorization to pay the necessary fees to provide for the possibility that applicant has inadvertently overlooked the need for a petition and fee for extension of time.

TOTAL FEE(S) DUE**EL 967 947949**

7. The total fee(s) due is/are:

Continued Prosecution Fee (Section 1.17(e))	\$ 770.00
Fee(s) for additional claims (Section 1.16(b)-(d))	\$ 0.00
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PAYMENT OF FEE(S) DUE

8. Please pay the fee(s) for this continued examination application as follows:

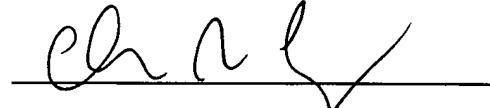
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INVENTORSHIP

9. This application as amended names as inventors the same inventors as previously designated for the claims.

Date: March 16, 2004



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15 Assignee: Simpson Strong-Tie Company, Inc.

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SUBMISSION UNDER 37 CFR §1.114

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30 Sir:

In response to the Notice of Allowance and Issue Fee Due, Applicants
respectfully request further examination under 37 CFR §1.114. In
accordance with 37 CFR §1.114, please consider the enclosed IDS.

35 With this submission no changes have been made to the claims.